

## **eBook Reader Needs**

**E-readers – portable reading devices and can be money savers.**

**When an e-book is presented in an accessible format on an accessible e-book reader, the user can choose to read the book using text-to-speech, Braille, or magnification.**

**A user with blindness or low vision will benefit from many of the following features:**

- **Ability to adjust font size and typeface**
- **Ability to adjust screen brightness**
- **Ability to adjust color contrast**
- **Text-to-Speech when reading a book**
- **Talking menus for navigation of the device. Focus will need to be announced and updated as the user navigates through the device.**
- **Physical buttons will have to be marked or mapped appropriately, so that users who cannot see them will understand what buttons they are pressing.**
- **Audible feedback when pressing a button will greatly help when using a device.**
- **Undo features will allow mistakes to be undone without penalty, for instance when purchasing a book.**
- **Audio based cues for important information, such as low battery power, existence or loss of WiFi service, error messages, and so on.**

### **Key Features:**

**1. Font Magnification - any book, newspaper or blog that you download can now become large print**

- 2. Crisp Clear Letters**
- 3. Sharp Contrast making it easier to read**
- 4. No Glare screen that can be read in any lighting situation**
- 5. Text to Speech Converter**
- 6. Listen to Audio Books**
- 7. Lightweight and portable**
- 8. No need for a computer but some ebooks will require a web account for searching books.**
- 9. No monthly fees generally – audible requires a paid account**

**Examples of E-books/ readers –**

**iOS Device**

**\*Will need to have a web account, locate book and either read on computer or download to app on tablet/smart phone. Samples demonstrated at conference:**

**Blio – computer/iPad**

**Kindle – computer/iPad**

**Kobo – computer/iPad**

**Read2Go -Bookshare – ereading tools on their website also**

**Ibooks - iPad**

**OverDrive Library**

**Marvin**

**eBook Search**

**Voice Dream – cost – can be set up for Bookshare, Gutenberg, has an editor, etc.**

**Audiobooks**

**Textbooks – Learning Ally, Bookshare**

**Stand-alone Device example**

**Victor Stream**

**Book Port Plus – (APH) Federal Quota for students who are eligible**

**Computer Software- examples**

**Bookshare – has software reading tools on site**

**E-reading software**

**Kindle for PC**